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Ike Cuts Parkway Ribbon, Lays in CIA Cornerstone

LANGLEY — President Eisenhower might have been an honorary member of a building trades local today, ticking off construction chores with dispatch before flying off to his Gettysburg, Pa. farm home to vote.

• First he snipped the ribbon opening the new five mile extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway from Spout Run to Langley, site of the new headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency.

• Then he laid the cornerstone of the \$43 million, eight-story streamlined structure being built for CIA in dedication ceremonies attended by hundreds of dignitaries.

The CIA headquarters, which won't house the agency's sprawling Washington operations until midsummer of 1961, is sited on the former Letter Estate, overlooking the Potomac about two miles above Chain bridge.

THE AGENCY, so stingy with information that it once refused to divulge its telephone number, went temporarily out of character by throwing the ceremony open to reporters, photographers and representatives of television and radio.

The CIA will go back into its shell, however, and this probably was the last close look anyone will get of the new headquarters — except those who can convince the agency they are entitled to go inside.

The new building is in a rustic area where heavy woods will shield it from the eyes of the curious.

The cornerstone laying was the first "open house" held by the CIA in its 13-year history. But there was nothing to see anyway, except the raw terrain of another construction project.

The program called for Eisenhower to lay the cornerstone following remarks by CIA Director Allen W. Dulles. An invocation

Harris, Chaplain of the Senate, and music was provided by the Air Force Band.

THE COPPER box to be placed in the cornerstone contained current newspapers and a group of documents relating to creation of the CIA 13 years ago. Dulles, brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, issued engraved invitations to today's ceremonies.

In addition, the agency released some limited information about its operations.

For example, it disclosed that of every thousand applicants for a CIA post, 80 per cent are quickly screened out by personnel officials.

Of the remaining 20 per cent, security agencies weed out about 11 per cent because they "drink too much, talk too much, have relatives behind the iron curtain" — or, in the case of 4 per cent of this 11 per cent, for "serious security reasons."

The CIA won't disclose how many persons will work in the new headquarters. All a spokesman would say is that the building will have one million square feet of space and another 600,000 square feet of corridors.

Two huge parking lots of 21 acres will surround the building. Intelligence data gathered in every corner of the world will be funneled into the new modern offices for assessment as part of CIA's task of keeping check on Soviet activities and intentions.

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